

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Joel B. EPSTEIN

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For: METHOD OF TREATING GASTRO-  
INTESTINAL TRACT INFLAMMATORY  
DISORDERS USING TOPICAL ACTIVE  
CORTICOSTEROIDS

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: Mojdeh, BAHAR

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action dated May 21, 2003; thereby extending the period for response August 21, 2003 to November 21, 2003. The extension fee of \$475.00 is enclosed.

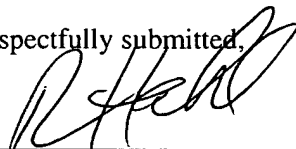
No additional fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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